

Dear Sirs –

My comment is brief and to the point. The demonstrated code proficiency requirement for licensing in the amateur radio service has been debated for over thirty years. The most recent was Docket 98-143, where the FCC concluded that while it agreed that code proficiency was and should no longer be required, ITU regulations which the US was a part of, required that code proficiency remains a requirement for HF operation.

As a result of the recent WRC convention, the ITU has eliminated the requirement. Several countries have already with a lengthy bureaucratic comment process eliminated the code requirement from their license requirements,

Therefore, I support the petitioners request for the elimination of code proficiency and as such the FCC should move unilaterally to eliminate this requirement immediately.

Sincerely

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